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MODERNISATION OF SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army proposes to step up its massive modernisation drive to enhance the Combat Potential of its soldiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of its implementation; and

(c) the time by which the Indian Army is likely to be fully equipped with State of the art technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Modernisation of the Indian Army is already underway in accordance with a Long Term Perspective Plan which is reviewed, monitored and updated from time to time. The Long Term Perspective Plan (15 years) is further split into Services Capital Acquisition Plans (5 years) and Annual Acquisition Plans.

(c) Modernisation of the Indian Army is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and budget allocations.